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THE END IS HERE!

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Recruit Geiszler seems to be so much more "at home" when he is in the back seat rather than behind the wheel.

Three Wise Men??? Well, two Wise Men after Recruit Meader passes out from holding the tough-guy pose too long. Recruits Ondricka and Geiszler helped him up and got him ready to role play during crucible week.



Final Thought:

"We Did It!"

-Jeff Brann



Mr. Mayer instructed our class on the different types of weapons we may encounter in the field so we know how to make them safe. Here Recruit Brann is shown the mechanics of the sniper rifle. Volume 2, Issue 20 Page 2

Liquor Laws and Fraudulent ID's



By: Cherise McFarlane

We were fortunate to have Mr. Roger Johnson, from the WI Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, speak to us on Tuesday. He was here to inform us of the current liquor laws in Wisconsin and present an overview of fraudulent I.D.s. We appreciated Mr. Johnson's enthusiasm in his instruction.

While discussing the liquor laws in WI, we were surprised to learn

what a high ratio there is in regards to liquor outlets to people. Nationally, there is approximately 1 outlet to 1434 people. In WI, on the other hand, there is about 1 outlet for every 350 people. With the extraordinarily high amount of outlets in WI, it is important for us to know and understand the laws. Dealing with liquor and people will be a regular occurrence in our jobs.



When instructed on the fraudulent I.D.s, we learned much more than simply fake Wisconsin I.D.s. We were also informed of the importance of realizing who uses the false identification and what it can be used for. Being observant is the biggest part of finding and confiscating false identification. People create and alter I.D.s from all states, countries, social security cards, birth certificates, etc. Recognizing these fraudulent I.D.s can have lasting effects on the community. Catching them can vary from prohibiting an underage drinker to catching a potential terrorist.

Return of Simunition Scenarios



By: Jeff Brann

On Monday October 28, we were able to once again test our decision-making abilities by having our second round of simunition scenarios. This time we had shoot/don't shoot situations in which we were required to make split second deadly force decisions. The scenarios ranged from removing a trespasser from a vacant building to confronting a subject urinating in public to dealing with a psychotic father that was holding his infant hostage.

The scenarios were setup to see how each of us would react when put in a deadly force situation when we were by ourselves. In most real-life situations like this, we would not have to go into it alone. However, in the controlled environment of simunitions, we can be sent in to any situation that the range master so desires.

When the student walks into the range, it is announced that the range is hot, and everything after that is a measurement of the student's ability to



reason and react to the situation that they are presented with. Some of the situations are more intense than others, but just because we suit up in the protective equipment does not mean that we will have to shoot our weapons, which is the goal of these type of shoot or don't shoot scenarios.

In each scenario there is a point where a decision must be made. Some might be to draw your firearm and shoot a subject or subjects, and others might be a simple verbal command. Hopefully we will all be better prepared to make these difficult decisions once we get on the road and have more confidence in making them.

After the scenarios we are debriefed about the decisions that we made as individuals and of the common mistakes that were made or suggestions that could help us all. Once all the scenarios are finished, we all feel more confident that we could handle the situation better if we could do it again.

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By: Matt Spence

Everyone was looking forward to crucible week starting. All of us had the opportunity to be both the Officers and the role players in this week's activity. We were faced with scenarios from simply assisting a motorist that was having trouble with their vehicle to responding to a vehicle crash involving two fatalities. Needless to say we were presented with a wide variety of situa-

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tions and scenarios.

I believe that we all learned a lot from this mode of training. We were placed in either one or two person vehicles with evaluators from many of our generous agencies. Recruits from the first Police Corps class returned and provided services such as operating our mobile command center, role playing, and working our booking and processing in the jail. It was truly amazing the time and effort that everyone put into making these three days happen. It was great to see the devotion and belief that everyone had in this program.

Our host agencies were able to see what our performance was like and assess what decision-making skills that we have or had acquired over the last 20 weeks. There was one scenario where we had four cars responding with five of the eight Officers' on duty responding to the scenario. We were

dispatched to a fight in progress in the park, it turned out to be a gang initiation beating. After utilizing our resources and working together, we successfully arrested all the individuals involved in the situation and took them to the PC City Police Department.

It was inevitable that we would make a few mistakes in these three days of scenario-based training. We were also able to utilize the skills that we had learned in the 20 weeks prior to this and were also able to learn from our mistakes. This was by far the best way in which we could end our program and stay at the Wisconsin Police Corps. We face one more challenge, we must go into a mock courtroom and justify and backup our decisions and actions in these days of training. We are all confident in our actions and gladly accept the challenge.



By: Jeff Brann

The past twenty-one weeks have left us with a lot of memories, knowledge, and new ways of thinking. The past week has been a great wrap up of all that we have learned thus far. We had our deadly force decision making tested with simunition scenarios on Monday. On Tuesday we learned about liquor laws and had training on

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how to spot fake ID's. The final PT exam and traffic law quiz were on Wednesday, and the rest of the week was spent during our crucible, in which we actually worked a regular patrol schedule for three days.

For our final week, we are going to have court preparation and then go to trial on Monday and Tuesday for our cases that we worked during the crucible. After the trials, we will have our scenario debriefing where we will find out what our instructors thought about how we handled our calls.

On Wednesday night, we will have a debriefing of the overall program, and we finish up our training with our final comprehensive exam on Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon we have a panel discussion with the recruits from last year's class, and we have our banquette on Thursday

evening.

Finally, the day that we have all been waiting for will arrive on Friday as we receive our diplomas at the graduation ceremony to commence our academy training.

We have all put in a lot of hard work and remained dedicated for the past twenty-one weeks. Now we can finally say thank you to everyone that has instructed us and worked on our staff to make us as well prepared to become law enforcement officers as we could possibly be.

As we move into the next chapter of our lives, we will now have to survive another rite of passage as we begin our rookie year. I would like to wish everyone the best of luck in their future endeavors and hope that we can all find happiness with our brand new law enforcement careers.